

Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment	Application No. 10/576,047	Applicant(s) Hamada et al	
	Examiner Kevin K. Hill, Ph.D.	Art Unit 1633	1 of 2

Detailed Action

Amendments

Applicant's response and amendments, filed February 18, 2008, to the prior Office Action is acknowledged. Applicant has cancelled Claims 1 and 10, withdrawn Claims 7-9, 13-14 and 17-19, amended Claims 2-9 and 11-23, and added new claims, Claims 24-25.

The reply filed on February 18, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

A. The amendments to the claims do not comply with the Revised Amendment Practice of 37 CFR 1.121 (See OG Notice 23 September 2003).

§1.121 Manner of making amendments in applications.

(c) Claims. Amendments to a claim must be made by rewriting the entire claim with all changes (e.g., additions and deletions) as indicated in this subsection, except when the claim is being canceled. Each amendment document that includes a change to an existing claim, cancellation of an existing claim or addition of a new claim, must include a complete listing of all claims ever presented, including the text of all pending and withdrawn claims, in the application. The claim listing, including the text of the claims, in the amendment document will serve to replace all prior versions of the claims, in the application. In the claim listing, the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following identifiers in a parenthetical expression: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), and (Not entered).

(1) Claim listing. All of the claims presented in a claim listing shall be presented in ascending numerical order. Consecutive claims having the same status of "canceled" or "not entered" may be aggregated into one statement (e.g., Claims 1-5 (canceled)). The claim listing shall commence on a separate sheet of the amendment document and the sheet(s) that contain the text of any part of the claims shall not contain any other part of the amendment.

(2) When claim text with markings is required. All claims being currently amended in an amendment paper shall be presented in the claim listing, indicate a status of "currently amended," and be submitted with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version of the claims. **The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text.** The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived. Only claims having the status of "currently amended," or "withdrawn" if also being amended, shall include markings. If a withdrawn claim is currently amended, its status in the claim listing may be identified as "withdrawn- currently amended."

In the instant case, the claims have been amended to recite dependency on newly added claims. However, the amended claim dependency is not underlined.

B. MPEP §608.01(m) Form of Claims [R-3]

The claim or claims must commence on a separate physical sheet or electronic page and should appear after the detailed description of the invention. Any sheet including a claim or portion of a claim may not contain any other parts of the application or other material. While there is no set statutory form for claims, the present Office practice is to insist that each claim must be the object of a sentence starting with "I (or we) claim," "The invention claimed is" (or the equivalent). If, at the time of allowance, the quoted terminology is not present, it is inserted by the Office of Patent Publication. **Each claim begins with a capital letter and ends with a period. Periods may not be used elsewhere in the claims except for abbreviations.** See *Fressola v. Manbeck*, 36 USPQ2d 1211 (D.D.C. 1995). Where a claim sets forth a plurality of elements or steps, each element or step of the claim should be separated by a line indentation, 37 CFR 1.75(i).

In the instant case, Applicant's attention is directed to claims 24(a-c) and 25(a-d) and the plurality of periods therein.

Examiner's Note

Given the multitude of proposed amendments to the claims, in response to this action, the Examiner requires a clean copy of the claims **in addition to** the correctly amended, marked up copy of the claims.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin K. Hill, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-8036. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, between 9:00am and 6:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph T. Woitach can be reached on 5571-272-0739. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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